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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, DELHI.

NOTIFICATION.

*New Delhi, the 27th December 1948*

**No. F.12(39)/48-C.S.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act 1946 as delegated in the Government of India, Department of Industries and Supplies, Notification No. 78(1)-ETA/46, dated the 28th December 1946, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi is pleased to make the following order:—

**1. Title, extent and commencement.**—(a) This Order may be called the Delhi Cloth Rationing Order, 1948.

(b) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Delhi.

(c) It shall come into force on the first of January 1949, in the areas in which Delhi Rationing Order, 1944, is in force and in other areas as the Chief Commissioner may by Notification in the official Gazette direct.

**2. Definitions.**—In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

(a) ~~Authorised cloth~~ dealer means a person authorised as a dealer for the retail sale of cloth under the provisions of clause 3.

(b) Chief Commissioner means the Chief Commissioner of Delhi Province.

(c) Cloth means cloth as defined in the Cotton Textiles Control Order, 1948.

Provided that any description of cloth or article made of cloth specified in the schedule to this order shall not be deemed to be cloth for the purposes of this order.

Provided further that the Chief Commissioner may by Notification in the official Gazette include or exclude any description of cloth or any garment or article made of cloth from the said schedule.

(d) Circle and Circle Rationing Officer shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Delhi Rationing Regulations, 1944.

- (e) Controller of Rationing means the Controller of Rationing, Delhi, and includes any officer empowered by the Chief Commissioner to exercise the powers of the Controller of Rationing.
- (f) Director of Civil Supplies means the Director of Rationing and Civil Supplies, Delhi, and includes the Deputy Director of Civil Supplies (General) Delhi.
- (g) Establishment includes offices, institutions, catering establishments, retail establishment, manufacturing establishment and other establishment other than private households for the purpose of which a supply of cloth is required.
- (h) Fine cloth means any type of cloth, stamped as fine or superfine (as well as the cloth the ex-mill price of which exceeds annas twelve per yard);

Provided the Director of Civil Supplies may by general or special order specify any type of cloth as Fine or otherwise than defined in this clause.

- (i) Prescribed means prescribed in regulations made by the Director of Civil Supplies.
- (j) Quarter means a period of three months commencing on the first day of January, 1st day of April, 1st day of July and 1st day of October.
- (k) Rationing period means the six months from the first of January 1949 and any subsequent period of six months which the Chief Commissioner may specify by notification in the official Gazette as the Rationing date.
- (l) Manufacturer means a manufacturer as defined in Cotton Textile Control Order, 1948.

**3. Authorisation of cloth dealers.**—(a) The Director of Civil Supplies may authorise any person or class of persons as an Authorised Cloth Dealer to supply cloth or any specified variety of cloth in accordance with and under the provisions of this Order to any person or establishment.

(b) The Director of Civil Supplies may at any time after making such enquiry as may be deemed necessary add to, amend, vary or rescind any authorisation issued under this clause.

**4. Prohibition on supply from the date of this order.**—(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Order no person shall in any area in which this order is in force supply or offer, or attempt to supply or knowingly permit to be supplied by any agent or servant of any such person, or store for sale, any cloth to any person.

(b) On and after the Rationing date an authorised cloth dealer shall not supply cloth except under and in accordance with the provision of this order and the directions given under it.

(c) No person shall with effect from the Rationing date obtain or attempt to obtain cloth except under and in accordance with the provisions prescribed by this order and directions given under it.

**5. Ration documents.**—(a) Except as otherwise provided by this order cloth may be obtained on and after the rationing date only by means of a Cloth Ration

Permit or other appropriate ration document available for lawful use and lawfully used and only upto the quantity specified or the quantity represented by the units specified on the permits.

(b) The Director of Civil Supplies or Controller of Rationing may at any time after making such enquiries as he may consider necessary, add to, amend, vary or rescind the Cloth Ration Permit or document and whenever any ration document is rescinded, any person in possession of it shall forthwith deliver the same to the Controller of Rationing or the Circle Rationing Officer.

6. A cloth ration permit may be issued to any person being holder of a food ration card, who has been residing in the area in which this order is in force:

Provided that the Controller of Rationing may after such enquiry as he deems fit issue a cloth ration permit to any person who is not the holder of a food ration card—

(i) by reason of his residing in a residential establishment or obtaining his meals at a catering establishment,

(ii) by reason of his being eligible to draw army rations.

7. (a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain a cloth ration permit by furnishing information which he knows to be false and no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain a cloth ration permit if he is already in possession of a permit or coupon.

(b) An application for a cloth ration permit shall be made by the holder of a food ration card for him or herself and separately on behalf of the minors of his or her family residing and taking meals with him or her.

8. (a) For the purpose of sub-clause (a) of clause 5, units shall be allotted at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  units a quarter for every person of the age of 8 years and above and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  units a quarter for every person of less than 8 years of age.

(b) Each coupon shall be valid for the quarter specified on it and shall authorise the holder of a cloth ration permit to whom it is issued to acquire the quantity of cloth represented by the number of units specified on it during the quarter for which it is valid.

Provided the Chief Commissioner may by a notification make the unutilised coupons valid for the next quarter:

Provided that the supply on half a unit valid for the succeeding quarter may also be made in the preceding quarter.

9. The Chief Commissioner may by Notification in the official Gazette specify the quantity of cloth which shall be equivalent to one unit and may specify the proportion of fine cloth in the unit:

Provided unless the Chief Commissioner otherwise specifies, a unit shall represent one yard.

10. The Director of Civil Supplies may direct any or all authorised cloth dealers by a general or special order to register and sell cloth only against cloth ration permits registered with the said dealer and may also fix the limit of such registration.

11. An Authorised Cloth Dealer shall forthwith cancel any coupons surrendered to him by the holder of a cloth ration permit and on which he has supplied cloth and the coupons shall cease to be available for lawful use.

**12. Establishments.**—(a) A Cloth Ration (Establishment) Permit may be issued to the Proprietor or person incharge of an establishment by the Director of Civil Supplies on application in the prescribed form.

(b) A Cloth ration (Establishment) permit shall be presented for registration to the authorised cloth dealer whose name is specified on it.

(c) A cloth ration (Establishment) permit shall be valid for the rationing period and shall bear two coupons, each coupon shall represent the number of units for which a permit is issued.

(d) The holder of a cloth ration (Establishment) permit shall deliver the permit to the Authorised cloth dealer with whom his permit is registered for the cancellation of the appropriate coupons or portion thereof when he obtains supply of cloth thereof.

**13. General.**—The Director of Civil Supplies may issue instructions to an Authorised cloth dealer to maintain such registers or other accounts as he may think fit.

14. (a) If any cloth ration permit is defaced, lost or destroyed, the Circle Rationing Officer, may, on payment of annas four and after making such enquiry as he may think fit issue a new ration permit in place thereof.

(b) Every person to whom a new ration permit has been issued, shall if he subsequently finds the lost ration permit, forthwith return the latter document to the Controller of Rationing.

15. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain or cause to be obtained a supply of cloth by means of a cloth ration permit or cloth ration (Establishment) permit or document purporting to be a ration document, which he has not obtained lawfully under the provisions of this order and no authorised cloth dealer shall supply cloth to any person whom he knows or has good reason to believe to be in possession of such document.

16. If any person applies for a cloth ration permit after the expiry of the 1st quarter of the rationing period, he shall be entitled to receive coupons for the unexpired quarter only.

17. No cloth ration permit or coupons shall be issued to any person who is not likely to reside continuously in the rationed area for a period of six months and unless he has been a resident of rationed area for one year before the rationing date.

18. Cloth required for a shroud may be supplied by a cloth dealer authorised by the Director of Civil Supplies in his behalf on the production of the dead person's food ration card or on production of such other document as the Director of Civil Supplies may prescribe.

The quantity of cloth to be thus supplied shall be prescribed by the Director of Civil Supplies.

19. The Director of Civil Supplies may make regulations providing for:—

- (i) the forms on which applications may be made,
- (ii) the statements or returns which authorised cloth dealers shall submit,
- (iii) the conditions subject to which an authorised cloth dealer may obtain and supply cloth, and
- (iv) other connected matters.

20. (1) Any person authorised by the Chief Commissioner in this behalf may—

- (a) enter any premises used or believed to be used for the sale, distribution or storage for sale of cloth and inspect any such premises and any cloth therein or thereon;
- (b) require any person to make any statement or furnish any information or produce any documents or articles in his possession or under his control relating to the purchase, sale, distribution or storage of cloth and every person so required shall comply with such requisition;
- (c) require any person to render any account or to produce books, accounts or other documents relating to or believed to be relating to the purchase, sale, distribution or storage of any cloth and every person so required shall comply with such requisition;
- (d) take or cause to be taken extracts from or copies of any document relating to the purchase, sale, distribution, or storage of any cloth which is produced under item (b) or item (c) or otherwise found in any such premises;
- (e) test or cause to be tested the correctness of any weight or measure used or believed to be used in any transaction relating to the sale, or distribution of cloth;
- (f) take or cause to be taken the measurement or weight of all cloth found in any such premises.

Provided that in entering upon and inspecting any premises the person so authorised shall have due regard to the social and religious customs of the person occupying the premises.

(2) The powers exercisable under the preceding sub-clause shall not be exercised save for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this order or of any regulations made thereunder.

21. The Chief Commissioner and the Director of Civil Supplies if empowered in this behalf by the Chief Commissioner may by general or special order exempt any person or class of persons from the operations of all or any of the provisions of this order and may at any time in like manner cancel any such exemption.

#### SCHEDULE

1. Handloom cloth.
2. Handkerchiefs, napkins and other made-up articles not exceeding one yard in length.
3. Towels.
4. Furnishing Fabrics (including table cloths and table linens).
5. Filter Cloth.
6. Nets.
7. Fents and Rags (below three yards).
8. Chikan cloth (indigenous).
9. Gauze cloth.

10. Bandage cloth.
11. Bukram.
12. Canvas Cloth.
13. Cotton blankets.
14. Jali.
15. Standard Cloth.
16. Oil cloth, binding cloth.
17. Cloth manufactured elsewhere than in India.
18. Cloth woven by a manufacturer not manufacturing any yarn.
19. Cloth purchased by a Government from a manufacturer.
20. Cloth packed before 1st of August 1948.

By order,

I. D. MATHUR,

Secretary (Rationing & Civil Supplies)  
to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi.

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## MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

### NOTIFICATIONS.

(POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS).

*New Delhi, the 24th December, 1948.*

**No. Teleconf. 22/48.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (XIII of 1885), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1932, with effect from the 1st January, 1949, namely:—

In the said Rules, after rule 1 the following rules shall be inserted namely:—

“1A. (1) All telegraphs shall be established, maintained and worked in such a manner as not to obstruct or repeatedly interrupt any wireless telegraph service functioning within or without India, in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention (Atlantic City, 1947), or the wireless signalling between any fixed, land or mobile stations of Indian Land, Naval or Air Forces, or the wireless signalling exchanged between any fixed, land or mobile station of Indian Land, Naval or Air Forces and any station abroad.

(2) Nothing in sub-rule (1) shall prevent the use of wireless telegraphs for the purpose of making or answering bonafide distress calls or distress messages, in any manner, thought fit.

(3) Except as provided in sub-rule (2), if any person contravenes the provisions of sub-rule (1) he shall be punishable with fine as provided in sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

1B. Frequency allocations and call signs of Indian Land, Naval and Air Forces' wireless installations shall be treated as secret information."

*New Delhi, the 30th December, 1948*

**No. T-346/48.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1932, with effect from the 1st January 1949, namely:—

In the said rules—

(1) For rule 16, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"16. *Order of Transmission.*—Inland telegrams shall be transmitted in the following order, *viz*:—

- (a) Telegrams relating to the safety of human life in maritime or aerial navigation (SOH TELEGRAMS) (42-A).
- (b) Most Immediate, Operations Immediate and Immediate State telegrams, and Immediate Raj telegrams (50 and 53-A).
- (c) Storm and Flood warning and Railway Immediate telegrams.
- (d) State and Raj Important telegrams (Rules 51-A and 53-A).
- (e) Other State and Raj telegrams (Rules 48 to 49 and 52 to 54).
- (f) Meteorological (other than Storm and Flood warning) telegrams.
- (g) Service telegrams (Rules 55 to 61).
- (h) Government and Press and Indian News Agency telegrams.
- (i) Private telegrams and Press telegrams other than those specified in clause (h) above (Rules 156 to 165)."

(2) After rule 42, the following heading and rule shall be inserted, namely:—

**TELEGRAMS RELATING TO SAFETY OF HUMAN LIFE IN  
MARITIME OR AERIAL NAVIGATION**

42-A. Telegrams relating to the safety of human life in maritime or aerial navigation shall bear the service instruction "SOH" written by the sender or the office of origin, and telegrams so written shall be given priority in transmission above "Most Immediate" priority telegrams. Such telegrams shall be delivered to the addressee at once by the office of delivery."

(3) For rule 51, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"51. *Charges.*—"SOH", "Most Immediate", "Operations Immediate", "Immediate", and "Important" inland telegrams shall be charged at double the rates for State (Express) telegrams."

V. K. R. MENON, Secy.

